

Church in Atlanta and was renamed the Atlanta Baptist Seminary. In 1885, the institution relocated to its current site in Atlanta's West End community. The seminary became a liberal arts college and was subsequently renamed the Atlanta Baptist College. During these early years in Morehouse history, the institution expanded its curriculum and established the tradition of educating leaders for all areas of life. In 1913, Atlanta Baptist College was renamed Morehouse College after the corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society, Henry L. Morehouse.

Throughout its 150-year history, Morehouse College has made a significant mark on our state, our nation, and the world. Here, many notable men gained the knowledge and training that enabled them to become some of the greatest influencers of our time, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; noted theologian, Dr. Howard Thurman; civil rights leader, Julian Bond; filmmaker Shelton "Spike" Lee; Olympic gold medalist Edwin Moses; CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Emmitt Carson; and many more.

Morehouse principles often instill a desire for public service to benefit mankind. In the United States Congress, Representative CEDRIC RICHMOND, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as many staff members and former Members of Congress, hold degrees from Morehouse. U.S. Presidents have relied on alumni such as former Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson; former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan; former Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher; and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, James Nabrit. Around the country, state and local governments have been led by alumni such as Maynard H. Jackson, the first African-American mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

As a 1968 graduate of Morehouse College, this one-of-a-kind institution has a special place in my heart. During my matriculation, I got to know on a personal level the late Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, the most renowned President of Morehouse who was a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Through him, I met Dr. King during his life, followed him in protest marches, and sang at his funeral, which was held on the campus and attended by many national and international luminaries.

Today, under the leadership of the 11th President of Morehouse College, Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., also an alumnus, the school continues to be consistently ranked as one of the top colleges in the nation and among the highest respected Historically Black Colleges and Universities. As the nation's largest liberal arts college for men, Morehouse has conferred more bachelor's degrees on black men than any other institution in the world.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Morehouse College for 150 years of preparing young men to aspire to unique and distinctive goals while leading lives of leadership and service. This institution was born out of the death of slavery in America, it guided young black men through the era of segregation in the South, and it continues to empower marginalized populations against the oppression still prevalent in the world today. It is my hope that the generations of Morehouse Men of today and tomorrow will continue the progress and continue to leave their marks on our nation and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR.
ROBERT M. WOODS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Dr. Robert M. Woods.

Dr. Robert Mathew Woods, Evangelist, age 86, passed away on February 8, 2017. Born on June 2, 1930 in Gallatin, Tennessee, Dr. Woods was the only son born to James Herkless (Herk) and Susie Woods. He had four sisters, Amanda, Mymie, Lottie, and Elsie, (all deceased). At the age of eleven, he enrolled in the Nashville Christian Institute (NCI), in Nashville, Tennessee. The late Bro. Marshall Keeble was president at the time. Dr. Woods preached his first sermon at age eleven and soon started to travel with Bro. Keeble as one of his "Boy Preachers".

In 1949, he graduated from NCI and moved back to Gallatin, where he became the minister of his home congregation. In 1952, he married Anna Holiday and moved to the Chicago area. Dr. Woods served as minister of Monroe Street Church of Christ from September, 1952 until he retired on December 31, 1997, at which time he was ordained as Minister Emeritus.

After the death of his first wife, Anna, Dr. Woods married the former Sara Marie Taylor. Dr. Woods was instrumental in implementing numerous programs during his tenure at Monroe Street Church of Christ. Among them are: a Summer Day Camp, an Intensive Teacher Training Program, an active Jail Ministry in the Cook County Jail where numerous inmates have been baptized in the Church, a Tutoring Program, Adopt-A-Child Program, and an Evangelism Outreach Program. He actively participated with the Block Club and the Midwest Community Council.

He has conducted Gospel Meetings in many cities in the United States, as well as Bermuda and Nassau. He was often called upon to speak at multi-cultural functions to share views about the uniqueness of fellowship between blacks and whites. He often speaks on National, Southwestern, and Regional Lectureships. He served as a member of the Advisory Board for both the Midwest Lectureship and the Midwest Youth Conference. He has been a Trustee for Southwestern Christian College for over fifty years. He received an Honorary Doctorate from Southwestern Christian College in 1992.

After retiring, Dr. Woods and his wife, Sara Marie moved to Villa Rica, Georgia. There they continued their work for the Lord's Church; actively serving as Minister at the Hayes-Glass Church of Christ in Bremen, Georgia.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Marie; Daughters, Sue and Sheri; Son, Stephen; Grandchildren, Ericka, Kilian and Janiah; Great-Grandchildren, Kilian, Erick and Baron, and numerous other family & friends.

Dr. Woods was often soft spoken and his messages carried great weight. It was nothing uncommon for two of our community's most endeared and beloved citizens to repeat or say what Pastor Brother Woods had told them or preached about; my barber for about thirty years, Lawyer Stevens and Ms. Nancy Jeffer-

son, Executive of the Midwest Community Council, whom we called our community's Mother Theresa.

Both of them were two of Brother Woods' star pupils and ardent parishioners and I am sure they would want people to know this.

May he rest in peace and in love.

RECOGNIZING STAN SIMPSON FOR
HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVICE
AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE
CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Stan Simpson, a dedicated volunteer and resident of Buffalo, New York. Stan's tireless service is recognized today by None Like You/We Care Outreach and the City of Buffalo.

Mr. Simpson is a U.S. Navy veteran and the father of two. He has worked for the city court as a liaison for 11 years; he advises alumni of the Buffalo City Drug Court and is also a patient health navigator at GBUAHN.

Stan is an important leader and role model for community youth. He spends his weekends and the summer months working with young men volunteering with None Like You Outreach Program and other agencies that focus on children. He is always eager to teach youth valuable life skills all while building their confidence and character. Stan takes great pride in passing along his wisdom about maintaining and beautifying properties throughout the city.

Mr. Simpson's help is also crucial in executing None Like You's Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. He always makes himself available to aid in organization, arranging volunteers and personally cooking and preparing food. He is often vice chair for community meetings. Each week he picks up and delivers food and clothing to those in need, and has helped with many United Way Day of Caring projects. In 1996, Stan's commitment was vital to the restoration of multiple properties on Southampton and Sycamore Streets. Stan prides himself in the way he has changed his own life and encourages others to do the same by getting involved in the community and seeking out ways to give to others.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mr. Stan Simpson and his admirable dedication to the City of Buffalo. His commitment to our youth and the rehabilitation of the community is exceptional, and he is most deserving of this recognition by None Like You/We Care and the City of Buffalo.

PASTOR GEORGE MORRISON AND
CHERYL MORRISON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Pastor George Morrison and his wife, Cheryl Morrison, for their service and dedication to their community and the Faith Bible Chapel.

As devoted servants of the Lord, Pastor George Morrison has served the Faith Bible